Message from Gary Pierzynski, Associate Dean for Research and Graduate Education

*Ideation and Futures Workshops*

Several initiatives have come out of the Office of Research this past year that may be of interest to our faculty. In early December a call for proposals for Ideation Workshops and Futures Workshops was issued. At a recent meeting of my counterparts across campus I received additional information that might be helpful for you to determine whether these programs are an opportunity that you would like to pursue.

For both types of workshops, the intent is to support substantially new research teams within OSU. Once that is accomplished, external collaborators can be identified that provide expertise not found within the team. In this context ‘substantially new teams’ means that one or more new dimensions/disciplines is represented in the proposed effort. A minimum of two colleges and three intellectually distinct disciplines should be involved.

The description of an Ideation Workshop, taken directly from the call for proposals, is given below. Briefly, Ideation Workshops are designed for situations where an interdisciplinary group of faculty have identified a common research question of interest and a call for proposals has been released, will soon be released, or there is strong evidence that one is forthcoming. The workshop helps to refine ideas and position the team for developing a successful proposal.

*Ideation Workshops* are facilitated, question-driven workshops with team members designed to catalyze new ideas and form new collaborations to pursue interdisciplinary and/or convergence research with external funding potential within a 12-24 month timeframe.

Futures Workshops, described below, are not designed in response to specific calls for proposals, but rather to identify or anticipate future research areas that reflect our strengths and that might have funding opportunities available.

*Futures Workshops* are designed to define ‘next big leap’ research questions or critical challenges in an identified topical area of interdisciplinary inquiry in which Ohio State may position itself for research leadership in 3-5 years.

More detailed information is available using the link below. Proposals for these programs are being accepted from January 2 through March 2. Several information sessions are offered, one each in January and February, and details for these are also available using this link: [https://orapps.osu.edu/fundops/opportunity/4342](https://orapps.osu.edu/fundops/opportunity/4342).

A related program, the Strategic Research Travel Program, was announced last March and is a nice compliment to the programs described above. Think of this travel program as a possible means to travel to meet potential collaborators, or to funding agencies to discuss and further refine your ideas, based on the outcomes of a workshop. Learn more, here: [http://go.osu.edu/travelpgm](http://go.osu.edu/travelpgm).

We are fortunate to have these opportunities available through the Office of Research. CFAES excels at interdisciplinary and convergence science so I would predict we could be successful in getting support for our faculty. I encourage your participation.
FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES

MULTI-STATE RURAL DEVELOPMENT RESEARCH OR EXTENSION PROJECTS - NORTH CENTRAL REGION
The North Central Regional Center for Rural Development at Michigan State University announces a competition for two seed grants aimed at enhancing the ability of Land Grant institutions to positively influence the quality of life in rural areas of the twelve-state North Central region of the United States. Two grants will be awarded for up to $60,000 each. Up to $120,000 will be awarded.
Deadline: February 10, 2020

FULBRIGHT’S UK SUMMER INSTITUTE AT ABERYSTWYTH UNIVERSITY, WALES
This funded three-week cultural and academic program for current U.S. undergraduates focuses on contemporary issues in farming and agriculture. Based in Aberystwyth University’s Institute of Biological, Environmental and Rural Sciences, the program looks at land use and agricultural production systems focusing on livestock agriculture, arable land use, and conservation issues.
Deadline: February 11, 2020

THE U.S. ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY (EPA)
The U.S. EPA is seeking applications under a newly developed Great Lakes Restoration Initiative (GLRI) grant program focused on keeping trash out of the Great Lakes. Funding categories include: (1) trash removal projects at beaches and other recreation areas, shorelines, coastal wetlands, harbors, river mouths, and riparian corridors immediately adjacent to the Great Lakes and (2) trash removal projects which include the use of devices/machinery to remove trash from the Great Lakes river mouths and harbors. Approximately $2 million is available through the Trash-Free Great Lakes program to fund up to 13 projects.
Deadline: February 14, 2020

WOMEN AND MINORITIES IN SCIENCE, TECHNOLOGY, ENGINEERING, & MATHEMATICS FIELDS PROGRAM (WAMS)
NIFA requests applications for WAMS to support research and extension activities that increase the number of women and underrepresented minorities from rural areas who will pursue and complete a postsecondary degree in science, technology, engineering or mathematics (STEM) disciplines. NIFA requests applications for the WAMS program for Fiscal Year (FY) 2020 or FY 2021. The anticipated amount available for grants in both years is approximately $400,000.
Deadline: February 24, 2020

SEEDING SOLUTIONS
The Foundation for Food and Agriculture Research (FFAR) is accepting applications for our flagship competitive grant program, Seeding Solutions, in January 2020. Seeding Solutions Grants are an open call for innovative research projects that support one of FFAR’s Challenge Areas. Through the 2020 Seeding Solutions Program, FFAR anticipates funding at least one meritorious proposal in each of our Challenge Areas. This year, FFAR is prioritizing projects that demonstrate unique partnerships and the potential for significant agricultural advancements. The RFA will be available in January.
Pre-Proposal Deadline: February 26, 2020

U.S. DEPARTMENT OF STATE STUDY ABROAD OPPORTUNITIES
The Capacity Building Program for Study Abroad, also known as the IDEAS Program (Increase and Diversify Education Abroad for U.S. Students) will award approximately 21 grants of up to $35,000 each to U.S. colleges and universities for projects that create, increase, or diversify study abroad programming for U.S. undergraduate students.
Deadline: February 28, 2020

BEGINNING FARMER AND Rancher Development Program (BFRDP)
NIFA requests applications for the Beginning Farmer and Rancher Development Program (BFRDP) for (FY) 2020 funding to support the delivery of education, mentoring, and technical assistance programs to help beginning farmers and ranchers in the U.S. with entering, establishing, building, and managing successful farm and ranch enterprises. The anticipated amount available for Standard and Educational Team grants in FY 2020 is approximately $14 million.
Pre-Proposal Deadline: March 19, 2020
Agriculture and Food Research Initiative - Foundational and Applied Science (AFRI-FAS)
The AFRI-FAS requests applications for grants in six Farm Bill priority areas to advance knowledge in both fundamental and applied sciences important to agriculture. Priority areas include: (1) Plant Health and Production and Plant Products; (2) Animal Health and Production and Animal Products; (3) Food Safety, Nutrition, and Health; (4) Bioenergy, Natural Resources, and Environment; (5) Agriculture Systems and Technology; and (6) Agriculture Economics and Rural Communities. The RFA also includes eight specific priorities for co-funding with the American Pulse Association, Colorado Potato Administrative Committee, The Cotton Board, Kansas Wheat Commission, The National Honey Board, and USA Dry Pea & Lentil Council.
Deadline: Varies by Program Area—See RFA

Fulbright Commission in Uruguay
A three-month fully funded opportunity for U.S. students pursuing master's and Ph.D. degrees in viticulture, viniculture, agriculture or related fields. This fully-funded program will support two U.S. students for research and internships with National Institute of Agricultural Research, focused on the wine industry in Uruguay.
Deadline: April 30, 2020

2020 Golden Goose Award
This program highlights and honors examples of scientific studies or research that may have seemed obscure, sounded “funny,” or for which the results were totally unforeseen at the outset, but which ultimately led, often serendipitously, to major breakthroughs that have had significant societal impact.
Deadline: N/A

Personnel Change
Dorrance named Associate Dean and Director of The OSU Wooster Campus
Plant pathologist Anne E. Dorrance has been named to the top leadership position at The Ohio State University Wooster campus. On January 1, 2020, she will begin a four-year term as associate dean and director for the Wooster campus and associate director for the Ohio Agricultural Experiment Station in Ohio State's College of Food, Agricultural, and Environmental Sciences (CFAES).
Read more here.

Conflict of Interest
Public universities decline to share faculty conflicts of interest: Financial conflicts of interest have the potential to influence research outcomes. Yet faculty disclosures are considered personnel records at some institutions, shielding them from public view. Read here (Published in the Chronicle of Higher Education). OSU faculty and researchers can update their annual Conflict of Interest Form anytime of the year to add a new disclosure. The e-COI disclosure form is located here: http://go.osu.edu/coi

Knowledge-Sharing: A How-To Guide
Psychologists from the University of Göttingen reveal the secrets of successful interdisciplinary collaboration. Read here (Published in Science Daily)

D.C. Days 2020
The 2020 DC Days applications deadline has been extended for one more week. Applications for this program will be accepted until Friday, January 10. Don’t miss out on your opportunity to enhance your competitive edge by making connections with federal program officers. The experience enables researchers to determine whether their basic concept is a good fit with the sponsor's mission, to seek advice concerning project design and appropriate funding track, and to better understand the peer review process. This is an excellent opportunity for networking and to increase your grant writing skills. Learn more, here. Questions can be directed to Pam Schlegel. The extended deadline for applications is January 10, 2020. Successful applicants will be notified mid to late-January 2020.
THE LATEST EDITION OF GRANT WRITING NEWS IS AVAILABLE
The OSU Office of Research provides a campus-wide subscription to this excellent newsletter. The writers are experts in proposal development and the content is helpful to those preparing a grant proposal. Visit http://go.osu.edu/grantwritingnews, OSU login required. Topics include:

How Professors Think and The Review Process — Michele Lamont’s book sheds light on how the academic peer review process operates.

The Advantages of Coordinated Team Reviews of Proposal Drafts — The first review of your proposal shouldn’t be performed by the funder. Understanding the value of the internal review process.

Technology for Plagiarism Detection at NSF — How does NSF’s Office of Inspector General monitors proposals submitted to NSF for research misconduct, particularly plagiarism, falsification, and fabrication.

Non-Traditional Collaborations among Research Communities — NSF solicitation, Environmental Convergence Opportunities in Chemical, Bioengineering, Environmental, and Transport Systems (ECO-CBET), is another example of how NSF is promoting collaborations across disciplinary boundaries.

Seed Your Narrative with Explanatory Clauses — Explanatory clauses can provide concrete examples and expand your arguments for the relevance and significance of your proposed research.

As well as regular features including new funding opportunities, agency research news, reports, workshop and roadmaps.

EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES

NEW FINANCIAL ACCOUNTING STANDARDS
JANUARY 16, 10:30-12:00 PM, 335 JENNINGS HALL, COLUMBUS
Learn about the new OSU policy, Financial Accounting Standards, which will contain subsections that specifically apply to sponsored research awards. Lisa Plaga (Controller), Christine Hamble (AVP of Sponsored Programs), and Andrea Ward Ross (Enterprise Project) will discuss the policy, how the new policy is different from previous policies, and the place of the new policy within the upcoming Workday environment.

IMPOSTER PHENOMENON AND THE LIFE OF THE GRADUATE STUDENT
JANUARY 16, 10:30-12:00 PM, 460 KOTTMAN HALL, COLUMBUS
126 RESEARCH SERVICES (WOOSTER) - ZOOM https://osu.zoom.us/j/397093195
Transitioning to and thriving as a graduate student can be challenging. It does not help when self-doubt begins to erode your confidence and momentum. In this session we’ll introduce you to Imposter Phenomenon (IP) and work at unpacking its components. We’ll discuss ways to recognize IP and highlight ways to navigate when it creeps into your work and thinking. Register here.

INTRODUCTION TO THE COLOR CODED TEAM REVIEW
JANUARY 27, 11:00-12:00 PM, 250A AGRICULTURAL ADMINISTRATION, COLUMBUS
JANUARY 28, 11:00-12:00 PM, 130 RESEARCH COMMONS, WOOSTER
The Grant Development Support Unit (GDSU) recommends a Color Coded Team Review of proposals especially in cases of large grants and resubmissions. Proposals that have a Color Coded Team Review will be more competitive and thereby have an increased chance of successful funding. In this session, we will provide an overview of the “Color Coded Team Review Process”, a critical step in the proposal development process. We will discuss the importance, timing, composition of the review, stages, and roles. Come learn about this process and how to utilize this service. Click here to register.

See a full listing of upcoming events on our webpage.

The GDSU is a free service provided to all CFAES faculty and staff. Our specialists offer guidance to researchers in planning and conceptualizing externally funded research projects, finding funding opportunities, and submitting well-crafted and competitive applications. For more information, see our webpage: grants.cfaes.ohio-state.edu.

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